

Act on Kabira, judges ask

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THE Supreme Court and Court of Appeal judges, attending a three-day Judicial Symposium on environmental law at the Imperial Botanical Beach Hotel in Entebbe, yesterday tasked the National Environment Management Authority (NEMA) to act fast on Kabira Country Club.

Kabira Country Club, owned by city tycoon Sudhir Rupareila, has been taken to court for discharging filthy water and obnoxious waste matter across the Bukoto-Ntinda road.

"Whenever I am driving from my home in Naguru, I see motorists shutting their car windows as soon as they approach Kabira. This alone is enough prima facie, much as the place has good facilities.

The pollution is too much. Are you saying that you can't act because you lack gadgets that detect smell," asked Justice Tsekooko.

NEMA's senior counsel, Christine Echokit Akello, said it was KCC to blame for approving the construction of the hotel.

"We are working with KCC, National Water and Construction Corporation and Kabira country club," she said.

Kenneth Kakuru, the director of Green Watch, said, "You are taking too long to act. Kabira can be closed under the public Health Act."

NEMA's Patrick Kamander said the Police was getting involved.

Meanwhile, the State yesterday asked for the extension of the warrant of arrest against Sudhir Rupareila, over causing a public nuisance in Bukoto.

Prosecution asked City Hall magistrate Esther Nambayo to extend the warrant because Rupareila was absent.